THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) A Committee headed by the Chairman, Food Corporation of India has been set up to, *inter allia* formulate a clear and comprehensive policy framework for the export (and import) of foodgrains, over a period of time, as also to recommend Operational Guidelines pertaining thereto.

There is, separately, a High Level Committee constituted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution which continues to function on a regular basis.

Pesticides in bottled water

971. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has ordered an inquiry after noticing the reports in the press about pesticide contaminated bottled water;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report, and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Foodgrains storage in West Bengal

972. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains are being kept by F.C.I. in hired godown at Coochbehar in West Bengal;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct a ten thousands M.T. capacity godown at Coochbehar; and